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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Copy of an International Search Report (3 pages in English
PCT/ISA/210) is submitted herewith by the EPO European Patent
Office as the international searching authority from the
international application listing references and their relevant
portions. Copies of the 4 listed references of the International
Search Report are not being submitted since the IB (International
Bureau) may have transmitted them to the USA PTO as the National
Stage office (see PCT/IB/308).

Four references namely, A. Kühnle in Fette, Anstrichmittel, 1982,
pages 156-162, WO 96/34077, WO 97/08282 and PCT/EP98/07300 (WO
99/27042) are disclosed and discussed on pages 3-5 of the
specification and are being submitted herewith.

In the event that the PTO did not receive the references listed
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One PTO-1449 is presented to list all 8 references disclosed in the International Search Report and the specification.

Translations of the foreign language references are not available to the undersigned.

This submission meets the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98(a) and MPEP 609.

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